under ISOPOM for which an amount of Rs. 320 crores for 2009-10 has been kept as B.E.

(iii) Financial assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation seed, production and distribution of certified seed, etc. to encourage farmers to grow Oilseeds/oil palm.

(iv) Integrated Pest Management demonstrations are organized for the farmers to disseminate modern technologies.

(v) Assistance is also available under programmes like Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA).

(d) to (f) The import of edible oils was 4269375 tonnes during the year 2006-07, 4903388 tonnes during the year 2007-08 and 6194550 tonnes during the year 2008-09 (April, 2008 to February, 2009.

Shortage of fertilizers in Andhra Pradesh

2270. SHRI NANDAMURI HARIKRISHNA:
SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the impending shortage of fertilizers particularly in the State of Andhra Pradesh, for the coming season has come to the notice of his Ministry;

(b) whether his Ministry is aware that more than 13 lakh tonnes of different fertilizers fell short of supply to the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, how the Ministry is planning to provide the above fertilizers, including complex fertilizers to the State of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (c) Urea is the only fertilizer which is under partial movement and distribution control of the Government. Union Government ensures availability of urea at State level. State Governments are responsible for its distribution within the State. All other fertilizers *viz.* DAP, MOP, SSP and NPK etc. are decontrolled/de-canalized since 1992. The availability of Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers is decided by the market forces of demand and supply.

The availability of Urea, DAP, MOP and Complex fertilisers in Andhra Pradesh during the period from April to June, 2009 of current Kharif, 2009 is as under:

('Qty. in '000 tonnes)

State	Particulars	Urea	DAP	MOP	Complex
Andhra Pradesh	Demand/Assessed requirement	300.00	165.00	75.00	370.00
	Supply (Availability)	377.37	298.03	87.27	385.38
	Sales	227.89	211.76	71.64	336.40

Supplies of fertilizers are regularly monitored in accordance with the assessed requirement. As can be seen, that availability of Urea, DAP, MOP and Complex fertilizers is over and above the assessed requirement during current Kharif, 2009.

India's share of vegetables and fruits in global market

2271. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India accounts for nearly 11.90 per cent and 10.90 per cent of country's share in the world production of vegetables and fruits, respectively, while its share in the global market in vegetables and fruits stand at 1.70 per cent and 0.50 per cent, respectively;

(b) if so, the reasons for such poor performance, remedial steps taken, outcome thereof;

(c) how much of fruits/vegetables go waste due to lack of proper storage etc.;

(d) whether Indian farmer receives less than a fifth of the high price that the consumer pays and the lion's share is usurped by middlemen; and

(e) if so, how pathetic is plight of farmer?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) India produces 13 percent and 12 percent of world production of vegetables and fruits respectively and its share in the global market is about 1.38 percent in respect of vegetables and fruits. India is the 2nd largest producer of vegetables and fruits and this Ministry aims at doubling the production of fruits and vegetables by 2011-12. For this several schemes have been implemented since 2005-06. There is an increase of 15 percent in vegetable production and 8 percent in fruit production by the end of 2007-08.

(c) About 10-30 percent of fruits and vegetables go waste due to poor handling and lack of post harvest management.

(d) and (e) No survey has yet been conducted on net share received by farmers out of consumers payment and no authentic data is available.

Fertile land turning barren

†2272. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that agriculture land in Bulandsehar, Meerut and Baghpat districts of Uttar Pradesh is rapidly turning barren;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.